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SUBJECT: WEEKLY STATUS REPORT - PHILIPPINES

TO: EA - MR. HOLBROOKE

FROM: EA/PHL - BENJAMIN A. FLECK

1. HIRC CUTS PHILIPPINE MAP BY \$5 MILLION (LOU)

DURING THE MARKUP OF THE SECURITY ASSISTANCE BILL ON
APRIL 26, THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
FIRST ADOPTED THE RYAN AMENDMENT WHICH WOULD HAVE ELIMI-
NATED ALL GRANT MAP TO THE PHILIPPINES AND THEN ADOPTED
A MEYNER AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT WHICH LIMITED THE
CUT TO \$5 MILLION. THEREFORE, AS REPORTED TO FULL HOUSE
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BY THE COMMITTEE, SECTION 4 (A) (1) OF THE PROPOSED
LEGISLATION PLACES ON GRANT MAP TO THE PHILIPPINES
A CEILING OF \$13,100,000. THE FMS FINANCING FIGURE OF
\$18,500,000 WAS UNAFFECTED BY THIS ACTION. COMMITTEE
MEMBERS AND STAFF PERSONNEL COMMENTED PRIVATELY TO
DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT AT THE MARKUP SESSION
THAT THEY BELIEVED THIS CUT WOULD FORESTALL MORE DRASTIC

ACTION WHEN THE BILL COMES UP FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE WHOLE HOUSE.

2. AMBASSADOR ROMUALDEZ AGAIN EN ROUTE (UNCLASSIFIED)

HAVING JUST ARRIVED IN WASHINGTON FROM MANILA LAST WEEKEND AFTER A TRIP INTERRUPTED TWICE BY REST STOPS, FOLLOWING HIS SURGERY LAST MONTH, AMBASSADOR ROMUALDEZ PLANS TO LEAVE WASHINGTON ON APRIL 28 IN ORDER TO BE IN MANILA FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT.

3. CONGRESSIONAL LETTER TO MARCOS (LOU)

CONGRESSMAN BURKE BEDELL WANTS YOU TO BE AWARE AS YOU ACCOMPANY THE VICE PRESIDENT TO THE PHILIPPINES THAT CONGRESSIONAL SENTIMENT IS RUNNING HEAVILY AGAINST MARCOS. BEDEL HAS COLLECTED OVER 100 CONGRESSIONAL SIGNATURES ON THE LETTER HE DRAFTED TO MARCOS. WHILE SOME OF THE APPROXIMATELY 125 MEMBERS HE HAD APPROACHED DECLINED TO SIGN, NONE DISAGREED WITH THE SENTIMENT THE LETTER EXPRESSES NOR CONSIDERED IT TOO STRONG. HE DECIDED TO RETAIN THE TOUGH LANGUAGE IN THE LETTER, INCLUDING THE LAST PARAGRAPH INDICATING POSSIBLE DISCONTINUATION OF OUR CLOSE RELATIONSHIP, AS A SIGNAL TO MARCOS OF HOW INTENSELY THE CONGRESS FEELS ABOUT THE ISSUE.

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THE LETTER WAS DELIVERED TO THE PHILIPPINE EMBASSY APRIL 26. WE ARE SUPPLYING THE TEXT TO EMBASSY MANILA BY SEPTEL. VANCE

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